

AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0069] on page 22, line 6, as follows:

[0069] Because latex polymers contain deformable colloidal particles, it can provide an excellent bridging and sealing ability to reduce the permeability of the formation where the lost circulation of drilling fluids may encountered. Table III shows a typical formulation for testing the sealing ability of latex polymers on permeable formation. Without latex polymer, the fluid loss of this mud is out of control. However, an addition of 3% of a vinyl acetate/ethylene/vinyl chloride latex polymer, available under the trade designation Airflex 728, into this mud results in the fluid loss decreasing sharply with time as shown in Figure 10. Tables IV-VI display the data for Figure 10.